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NEWS AND STORIES FROM SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

Center for Career and Vocation emerges

Two major gifts in support of establishing a Center for Career and Vocation on campus were announced in November and work on the project is underway. The goal is to open the facility as classes begin in August.

The Center for Career and Vocation was recognized as a priority during the 2016-2017 strategic planning process. It aims to provide a space where students can explore internships and career opportunities, gain valuable skills, and make important connections with employers.

Gifts from Southwestern College trustees has allowed work on the center to begin: David '73 and Linda Smith, and Scott and Shelley Hecht, both Class of 1990, are lead donors. David is a former chair, and Scott is current chair of the board.

Of the gift, David Smith said, "I've served on the board for many years and it is from that perspective that I share that there is no better time to invest in Southwestern than right now and this project will help our students immediately."

As a committee of faculty and staff have launched a search to hire the director, a cross-section of students and staff have been invited into conversations with the architects. The group has imagined an inviting space in Harold and Mary Ellen Deets Library to house the center.



We are excited for the many ways the Center for Career and Vocation will impact the lives of Builders for generations to come.

— President, Bradley J Andrews

"Choosing a career can be overwhelming because it's hard to know if you are making the right decision. The career center will help students like me be more prepared and more confident as we get ready for life after Southwestern," said Marcus Richard, a sophomore psychology major from Pearland, Texas, who offered input during the initial planning of the center.

As an extension of the strategic planning process, an exploratory committee led by Tracy Frederick, senior vice president, and Ed Loeb, professor of mathematics, met with students to more fully form the vision and draft a proposal for the center.

"The students had a lot of ideas about the space itself – they wanted it to be centrally located, have an inviting feel, and be highly accessible. They felt that the library was the right space,"



Stan Landwehr (left) from WDM Architects reviews a first draft of plans for the Center for Career and Vocation with Kristin Humphreys, associate vice president for business services; Tracy Frederick, senior vice president; and Marjorie Snyder, Library Director.

said Frederick. "In a director, students shared that they wanted to work with someone who would take time to learn about their passions and interests – someone who would counsel them as they identify and set out on meaningful career paths."

When the Center for Career and Vocation is completed, faculty will continue working with students as they always have, building strong relationships, advising, and mentoring, but will refer students for additional resources such as job search support, career planning, interview preparation, and resume review. For students who are still working to identify their plans, the center will offer additional counseling and advisement.

"Each academic division of the college has excellent faculty advisors who assist students as they consider their vocational calling and career plan – and that work will continue," said Brad Andrews, Southwestern College president.

Andrews shared that in this way the career center will complement the important connection faculty advisors have with students.

"As our enrollment has grown, we have committed to increase our investment in resources for students and for this reason the career center was identified as a strategic priority," said Andrews. "We are grateful to the Smiths and Hechts for their support of that vision and we are excited for the many ways the Center for Career and Vocation will impact the lives of Builders for generations to come."

Pat Wagner picked to



Southwestern College President Brad Andrews named Pat Wagner as vice president for institutional advancement. Wagner began work at SC on Jan. 14.

“After completing a national search, with a large and strong pool of candidates, Pat stood out as an engaging, experienced, and talented fundraising leader,” said Andrews.

Wagner will lead a team in the office of institutional advancement that is responsible for alumni relations, annual fund, major gifts, and other development functions.

“His track record of success includes growing annual giving and leading capital campaigns. This, along with his experience serving at the vice-presidential level, perfectly suits him for the opportunities at Southwestern,” said Andrews. Wagner earned his bachelor’s degree in economics at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis. He has worked in the field of advancement and fundraising for nearly 20 years, following a successful career in corporate management. Wagner served at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis. and Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C., prior to his immediate past position as vice president for development and alumni relations at Illinois College in Jacksonville, Ill.

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Southwestern College President

Bradley J Andrews

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How did you learn about Southwestern College?

A conversation over a cup of coffee resulted in an unexpected phone call nearly a year later. My colleague asked about my interest in joining the leadership team of a college on the rise in Winfield, Kan. The picture of growth and opportunity she described over the phone piqued my interest and before I knew it, my wife, Patty, and I were on our way to Kansas for a campus interview.

When you visited campus what did you find?

During our two days on campus we both had impactful and very different experiences. While we both had campus

tours, Patty spent time exploring Winfield and I spent most of my time in Christy Administration Building. We were fortunate enough to be on campus for the lighting of the campus Christmas tree at the base of the 77 Steps. We also attended a basketball game in Stewart Field House.

When we returned to the hotel we discussed the day and quickly learned that we both felt a great connection with Southwestern, the students, and the community. While our day was spent apart, we had shared stories of the rich traditions of the college and the area. From the Moundbuilding ceremony, to the 77, to Jinx cat, to Alvin the alligator, to the atmosphere in Stewart, to singing at the tree lighting

lead Institutional Advancement

ceremony – we were all in! After recapping our day, Patty looked at me and said “We’re moving to Kansas!” and I said, “I hope we get the chance.”

And now that you’re here, what do you think?

My first 50 days have flown by and I’ve met so many great alumni, faculty, staff, friends and current students. I am proud to be part of the Builder Family and I look forward to experiencing all of the traditions and building upon the great work done by those before me. Our rich history provides the foundation for a very bright future.

What should SC alumni know about you?

Well, I look forward to getting to know as many Builders as I can, as soon as I can, but a quick summary about me: I grew up in Wisconsin. I’ve been blessed to be married to Patty, for 27 years. We have three boys, and I’m quite proud of them. Sam and Tim are in college (still on my payroll) and Ben is working in his first job as a technical theatre director at a school in Wisconsin.

As I’ve supported him, I’ve learned a great deal about performing arts – Patty and I love to attend theatrical and musical productions.

I admit that I’m also a recovering gym rat; I coached my boys for years in soccer and basketball and I love to attend sporting events, but I’ll wait to share my favorite teams until I meet folks in person – so I can fully justify my allegiances. For now, just know that I am thrilled to cheer on our Builders.

My family is very important to me as is being involved in my community. Patty and I are very much looking forward to connecting with the Builder

nation and Winfield – there is so much to love about this place and the people here.

What are you most looking forward to at SC?

That’s an easy one. I love to hear the stories from alumni about their SC experience, the great memories, the shared traditions. It makes me proud to

work to advance this college which is so beloved. It is evident that Southwestern means so much to so many. It is both a privilege and great responsibility to spend my days working to make SC stronger and even more vibrant. AND I have to add, I’m really looking forward to tossing my first rock on the Mound next August.



The Wagner family (left to right) Tim, Ben, Patty, Pat, and Sam.

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— Pat Wagner, vice president for institutional advancement

Builder named KSA Employee of the Year

Jessica DeVader, *Marketing Content & Event Coordinator for Professional Studies*

After a lifetime of service, a Southwestern College Professional Studies alumnus will retire this year as a distinguished member of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Michael Russell, a 2001 graduate, was named Employee of the Year by the Kansas Sheriffs' Association in November 2018.

Russell pursued his career with the sheriff's department after retiring from his 21-year career in the United States Air Force in 1997. He began his career with the department as a Sedgwick County Jail deputy. It was during that time he developed the desire to complete his college education.

"You're not going to get ahead," he says. "You're going to hit those glass ceilings if you don't get a formal degree. If you can't write, put together factual and credible statements, you have no credibility."

The Southwestern College Professional Studies program gave Russell the flexibility to earn his degree while working third shift and provided him with experienced instructors who brought a wealth of knowledge into the classroom.

Eventually, Russell moved to a position within the court security section.



It was in this position where he was recognized by his nominator, Sergeant Oscar Thomasson, for his vital role in improving the safety and effectiveness of security operations within the

18th Judicial District of Kansas.

Russell assisted in providing security for high-profile cases including Dennis Rader, the notorious "BTK" serial killer who terrorized Wichita, and the Carr brothers, who were convicted in 2000.

"It's a huge process at times to have victims' families and perpetrators' families in the courtroom at the same time. The process of a trial must go on and is not to be disrupted."

Thomasson also pointed out Russell's positive impact on his coworkers, always

encouraging them to pursue and finish their degrees. It's something Russell says he's felt passionate about since his education opened more opportunities for him.

Russell will retire in June and says while he feels it's time for his public service to come to an end, he is honored to be recognized for his many years of service and couldn't have done it without his wife, LeNita; military career; and the natural leadership he was blessed with.

"My division commander, Capt. Brad Hoch, allowed me the freedom to design and implement ideas. Lt. Randy Cole lent his pro boxing history to me during difficult times, pulling my fat from the fire on many occasions. I want to thank the professors in the Professional Studies program at Southwestern College for their patience, outstanding teaching, and ability to create a learning environment that fosters leadership and the courage to create goals. Finally, I want to acknowledge the Lord Jesus for my many successes."

After his retirement, Russell hopes to turn his hand to some veteran-related programming, assisting men and women in making the transition from military to civilian life.



The 2018 Natural Science Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held on Nov. 10 in Harold and Mary Ellen Deets Library.



The new members are (left to right) Kenneth Renner '76, Beresford S.D.; Angela Mayorga May '97, Shawnee; and C. Clifford Conaway '60 (deceased, accepted by Dr. Tamara McEwen).

2018 Natural Science Hall of Fame



Builders on the big stage

A historic season for Builder hoops

The Moundbuilder men's basketball team ended their season with a 28-5 record, tying the all-time mark for most wins in a season. It was the second straight season the team won an opening round NAIA tournament game. The team also won the KCAC tournament for the second time in school history.

Senior Cameron Hunt, Duncanville, Texas, was named the 2018-19 NAIA national player of the year and first team all-American. Hunt was also the KCAC player of the year. Ranked first in the NAIA for total scoring, Hunt averaged 31.5 points per game this season, and is the all-time scoring and assists leader for the program.

Indoor track nationals

Sending four team members to nationals, the indoor track and field team represented well at the championships.

Senior Kari Blattner, Cimarron, the lone competitor on the women's team, placed ninth nationally. She is now a four time all-American, in four different indoor events.

On the men's side, Bryce Grahn, a sophomore from Clarendon, Texas, finished in the 10th spot in the finals of the one-mile run. Josh Lewis, a junior from Garland, Texas, ended the season ranked 9th in the nation in the 60m dash. Tomunci Whitfield, a senior from Dallas, Texas, entered the 60m sprint ranked 25th in the nation; he finished in 20th place.



ABOVE: Cameron Hunt, national player of the year.

BELOW: Builders who competed at indoor track and field nationals, (left to right)

Josh Lewis, Bryce Grahn, Tomunci Whitfield, and Kari Blattner.



Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, presented the Smith-Willson Lecture on Jan. 24 to a large crowd in Messenger Recital Hall. Jones is a highly respected scholar, author, and public intellectual. She is the 16th president of Union Theological Seminary in New York City. The first woman to head the 182-year-old institution, Jones occupies the Johnston Family Chair for Religion and Democracy.



Smith-Willson lecture

Drawing closer to 100th Anniversary of Campus Players

In 1962 the tradition of the Campus Player caricatures began. At that time, incoming campus players were in charge of entertainment for the end of the year banquet. Dennis Akin, who was a professor of art at the college, had helped Miss Helen Graham, the director of theatre, a great deal with set design had been invited to become a member of the group. At the end-of-the-year banquet, Akin offered to draw caricatures of each of the campus players



Later, it was decided that the caricatures would be hung "in perpetuity." The likenesses of Campus Players throughout the decades line the hall leading to the Helen Graham Little Theatre.

The drawing shown above of Miss Graham is a reproduction, drawn in 2003. The original, drawn by Akin, disappeared not long after it was hung. It is suspected Miss Graham liked the idea of caricatures more than she liked her own.

The Campus Players Centennial will be celebrated at Homecoming in October!



The Listening Chair

A new podcast from the Institute for Discipleship launched last fall. Co-hosted by Meg (Mojica) Calvin '08 and Institute staff member Miranda Priddy, The Listening Chair is a place where people can find courage, clarity, and comfort for their vocation through stories of how God's voice intertwines with careers.

Several SC alumni have already been featured on the podcast, including Rev. Ashley Alley-Crawford '98, Joel Wilke '07, and Rev. Molly Just '12.

The Listening Chair is available on all major platforms, including Spotify, iTunes, Podbean, and Stitcher. Learn more at institutefordiscipleship.org;

you can also follow them on Instagram, @TheListeningChair.



The annual **Beck Lecture** will take place in Wroten at 4 p.m. on April 2 presented by Dr. Susan Castro. The lecture will also be live-streamed. Castro is associate professor of philosophy at Wichita State University and specializes in Immanuel Kant's peculiar moral imperative to act and to become, by your will, a universal law of nature – which she applies to questions concerning autism, human imagination, and natural science.

Save the Date

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Southwestern College Homecoming 2019
October 25-27

All the world is a stage
AND WE ARE MERRILY BUILDERS

1919-2019
Featuring a special Campus Players Centennial Celebration

1980s

Dr. Brad Bruner '81 has been selected as one of 11 members of the 2019 class of the Wichita Sports Hall of Fame. Dr. Bruner has served local athletes for 28 years. He has been the team doctor for all sports at Friends University since 1991, Southwestern College since 1992, and Butler Community College since 1992. He has also served as team doctor for athletes from Pratt Community College, Cowley College, Wichita North High School, and Andover High School.

Jerry Kill '84 has been named athletic director at Southern Illinois University. Kill, who twice had to retire from coaching because of health issues, joined Southern Illinois' staff in February 2018 as special assistant to the university chancellor. He became acting athletic director in April 2018 before the school's board of trustees approved his permanent appointment at a meeting Feb. 14.

1990s

Eddie Weigle '93 and his wife, Stephanie, have recently opened up a new restaurant in Burden, named Turner's at 421 Main. They offer farm-to-table eats featuring Latin American food, draft beer, wine, and craft cocktails located in Burden's original Main Street watering hole.

2000s

Michael A. Russell '01, a graduate of the Professional Studies program, was awarded the 2018 employee of the year by the Kansas Sheriffs' Association. *Read the full story on page 4.*

Meagan Zampieri '01 has begun a new role as youth services manager with Hays Public Library. She will oversee the children's and young adult departments. Zampieri previously worked for the NorthWest Kansas Library System as the assistant director and library services consultant. After Southwestern she earned her master of library science degree from Emporia State University.

Lindsay (Nusz) '02 and Dong Min welcomed their third child, Brody Kwang Hee Min, in September 2018. He joins a brother, Calhan, and a sister, Colston. Lindsay is a kindergarten teacher in Reno, Nev., but is taking the year off after being diagnosed with brain cancer just a couple days after the baby was born. Emergency

surgery removed a grapefruit-sized tumor. She is now in intense radiation and chemo treatments (every day for 42 days and then seven days a month for additional 12 months). The family would appreciate prayers and well wishes.

Adam Catlin '03 reports that he is the editor of the *Wellington Daily News*, a position he began in 2017.

Andrew Manley '09 has been assistant county administrator for Saline County since March 1, 2018. He reports that he will be promoted to county administrator at the end of March 2019.

2010s

Chris Rooney '10 and **Lexy Teeter '09** were married on Oct. 27, 2018, in Weston, Mo. The wedding party included many Builder friends.

Mandy Bostwick '12 has been appointed to be National Grange Youth and Young

Adult Development director. In this role Bostwick will be orchestrating national contests, and national, regional and state leadership development training for the organization's 14- to 35-year-old members. The National Grange is the nation's oldest general agricultural organization advocating for rural Americans and improving communities through service.

Alyssa Richardson '15 recently accepted a new job with the PGA of America as the PGA REACH Championship Integration & Event Specialist. She has relocated to Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Javier and Becky (Gamez) Sianuqi '17 send greetings to their classmates. Javier has been on deployment and expects to be back in April 2019. Becky has been working at Winfield Veterinary Hospital for over a year now as a veterinarian technician. Their family includes three dogs.

Kim Moore appointed by Governor

Kim Moore '71 has been named chair of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund. The cabinet and trust fund is directed by state statute to fund and evaluate key children's programs across the state.

Created in 1999 by the Kansas legislature, the Kansas Children's Cabinet oversees expenditures from the Master Tobacco Settlement. Nearly all of the state's portion of the settlement was dedicated to improving the health and well-being of the state's children and youth.



Moore had retired in early 2018 after three decades as president of the United Methodist Health Ministry fund, and consults through his firm, Achieve Philanthropy LLC. He was selected by *Ingram's* as one of "50 Kansans You Should Know" in 2018, and received the Samuel J. Crumbine Award from the Kansas Public Health Association in 2017. A member of Southwestern College's Board of Trustees, Moore also serves on the boards of the Kansas Regional

Healthcare System, Child Care Aware (Salina), Hutchinson Community Foundation, and Kansas Hospital Association.

"Because 90 percent of a child's brain architecture is established before the age of 5, early intervention is key to improving outcomes for Kansas Children," the group says. "By supporting quality early childhood education, care, and health service critical to strong child development, we are helping reduce the need for more costly remediation in education and criminal justice systems of the future."



Maxine (Gilmore) McColey '37 died Dec. 21, 2018, at age 103. Survivors include her children Jerome M. (Ann) McColey, Janie J. (Aldo) Escobar, and Roma L. (Melvin) Robinson; her six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Alberta Martone '41 died Nov. 5, 2018. She attended the University of Pacific in Stockton earning her master's degree and an administrative credential. She taught two years in Moline, before returning to Modesto, Calif., where she taught 32 years for Modesto City Schools. Alberta was heavily involved in the planning of an open building to accommodate mainstreaming orthopedically handicapped students and providing a carefully planned curriculum for all students. The school opened in September 1974.

J. R. Majors '48 died Jan. 18, 2019. Following naval service in World War II, JR graduated from the University of Kansas with a master's degree in social work. JR worked at Family and Children Services of Kansas City, Inc., and served as its executive director for 25 years. He was the first recipient of the KU School of Social Welfare Alumni of the Year award. In addition to his service with the KU School of Social Welfare Professional Advisory Council, JR served on many community boards, including the National Association of Social Workers, the Child Welfare League of America, and the Kansas Children's Service League. He is survived by **Ruth (Akers) '45**, his wife of 68 years.

Gladys Otsuji '49 died March 29, 2018. After Southwestern, Gladys attended Reed College in Portland, Ore., in the 1960s. Gladys taught high school in Southern California, eventually moving from Southern California back to Hawaii, her native state.

James T. "Jim" Ashcraft '50 died Nov. 4, 2018. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was stationed in Germany. He taught at Arkansas City, Cambridge, and Augusta, later serving as Augusta High School principal for 20 years. Jim enjoyed hunting, fishing, and traveling. He was married to Mary Lou (Brown) for 72 years before her death.

Marvin "Jack" Dorsey '51 died Nov. 27, 2018. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Joyce '51**, in July 2018. He is

survived by his children, **Renea Bergan '77** and husband John; Jalene Turner, Kenton Dorsey, Marvalyn Hess.

Louis Kovach '51 died Jan. 29, 2017. He was 96. Survivors include his wife, **Dona (Bettis) '49**, and his children Marcia (Jim) Bickett and Randy (Nancy) Kovach.

Ruth Louise (Beggs) Tooley '53 died Sept. 7, 2018 in Olympia, Wash., after a two-year battle with breast cancer. She taught for three years at Vashti School in Thomasville, Ga. Ruth then earned her master's from Scarritt College in Nashville, and became a Methodist deaconess. She served as a director of religious education over the next years in Salina, and in Yakima and Seattle, Wash. Ruth married Vern Tooley, a Methodist minister, widower and father of four. She worked as a school teacher while they raised the children. She is survived by her sister, **Lena Bradley '50**.

Mona O. (Bradbury) Booth '54 died Nov. 1, 2018. Mona taught elementary education in Tecumseh. Mona enjoyed researching genealogy and was an active member of the Tecumseh United Methodist Church. She is survived by Clyde, her husband of 64 years; two sons; one granddaughter, one step-granddaughter, and one sister.

Dr. Richard "Kay" Driver '54 died July 17, 2018, after a year-long battle with lung cancer. After returning from service in World War II he attended the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago, and received his doctor of optometry degree in 1960. In 1961, he and his wife, Kathryn "Jane," moved to Goodland where he acquired an optometry practice and served patients until 2004. Kay is survived by his wife, Beatrice.

Rev. Kenneth Wayne Short '54 died Dec. 10, 2018. He received his master of divinity from Southern Methodist University. For 37 years he served United Methodist churches in Kansas, at Norwich, Tribune, Salina, Newton, and Wichita, where he served three churches including First United Methodist. He was involved in all of the communities he served. He enjoyed sailing and loved to travel, and planned many memorable family vacations. He was the founder of Ken's Chili Seasoning, a fixture at the Kansas State Fair for 34 years, now run by

a granddaughter. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, **Lois '54**. Suggested memorials include Southwestern College.

Larry William Droogs '55 died Feb. 17, 2018.

Albert Green Golston '56 died Aug. 12, 2018, in Fayetteville N.C.

Roberta Marceline (Monroe) Curtis '57 died Oct. 31, 2018. Roberta taught music and was an artist and musician. She loved birding along with butterfly and wildflower identification. She was a caregiver to others for many years. Survivors include her daughter, Carol Curtis Long (Jerry); five grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Alan Gene Whetzel '59, Wichita, died March 18, 2018. He completed his degree at Pittsburg State University. Alan worked as a head high school basketball coach in Hillsboro, Pratt, and Valley Center until 1967. He then began his career as a copy machine salesman and was the eventual co-owner, along with his wife, of Business Systems, Inc. In 2005 they sold the business and retired. Alan and Roberta also established the "Lucky W Ranch" where they raised champion American Quarter Horses. In 2012, Alan was diagnosed with PSP, a rare neurodegenerative disorder. He is survived by his wife, Roberta; three daughters; and four grandsons.

Kenneth Forsyth '61 died Feb. 2, 2019. Ken married Joanne Rackley in 1971, adopting Joanne's three children. Ken had a 43-year career in Kansas music education, sharing his love of music with students at Leon, Howard, Columbus, Marion, Salina, Wichita North and Washburn Rural public schools, and during stints at Friends University, McPherson College, and Southwestern College. He received the KMEA Outstanding Choral Director of the Year and the KCDA Harry Robert Wilson Award. He was inducted into the Southwestern College Educators Hall of Fame in 2002, the Washburn Rural High School Hall of Fame, and the KMEA Hall of Fame. Ken and Joanne also led music programs of various churches, including UMC Marion, UMC Salina, Grace UMC Winfield, FBC of Wichita, and Countryside UMC. Ken is survived by four children, Patti, John, Deana, and Matt; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Dwight Ramsey '63 died Dec. 24, 2018. After graduating from Southwestern he attended law school at Washburn University. Dwight worked for several years for Boeing. He enjoyed fishing and oil painting. His surviving family includes his sisters, **Lois Ann (Ramsey) Somer '66** and Janis Yvonne (Ramsey) Reinhardt.

John Dabrow '64 died Jan. 5, 2019. John's profession with the YMCA gave him the opportunity to work with children and adults of all ages. His love of basketball took him around the world and gave him great pleasure. He is best known for his fair yet unforgettable and energetic style of refereeing. He is survived by his wife, Constance; daughters Tammy Willard, Kristin Barbeau, and Lisa Dabrow; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Lloyd Northrop '64 died Nov. 17, 2018. He married **Connie (Burnell) '65** and they lived in Iowa, Wichita, and Lawrence where he managed VA offices as a vocational counseling psychologist. Lloyd and Connie logged 31,000 miles on tandem bicycles across numerous states, Ireland, and Holland. His family camped in numerous national parks and other destinations. He and Connie were avid square dancers. The family suggests memorials to Southwestern College endowment.

Gary Herbert '67 died March 30, 2018. He served with the Air Force in Vietnam and South Korea before being sent to Chanute Field in Rantoul. Gary joined the Urbana Police Department in 1970 where he served for 20 years. He was recognized several times for his efforts in serving the public. After retirement from the police, Gary worked for University Asphalt until his retirement from that job in 2008. Gary's survivors include Sharon McLeod, his beloved companion.

Gloria JoAnn (Jackson) Bush '68 died Nov. 4, 2018. JoAnn worked to finish her degree at Southwestern College while teaching in elementary schools with a teaching certificate. Her first assignment was teaching first through eighth grade at Walton Country School. Finding no supplies, she borrowed \$300 to furnish the students with books and other materials. She spent many years teaching at schools in Winfield, including Whittier, Lowell, and Irving. She was married to Robert Bush

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Fishback: Dedicated doctor and educator

James Lawrence Fishback '77 died at home Jan. 13, 2019. He was 62, and his death was attributed to a pulmonary embolism following a trip to Southeast Asia.

"As a longtime board member, his care for our college and his dedication to strengthening the position and work of Southwestern made a great difference," President Brad Andrews said. "He asked thoughtful questions, listened with kindness, and offered insightful input, often packaged with his trademark wit."

Jim had earned his M.D. degree from the University of Kansas, where he was a pathologist from 1986 until his retirement last year and taught new generations of doctors using techniques that incorporated ground-breaking technology and curricula.

Jim was indeed a Builder. He naturally thought about what might be and how things could be done differently and better. We will miss his intellect and wit so much.

-KIM MOORE



His teaching expertise was recognized often by the annual "Student Voice Award," and Jim received this students' affirmation for more than 20 consecutive years. He also received the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Classroom Teacher in 2000, the Ruth Bohan Distinguished Teaching Professorship Award in 2004, and was named the Kemper Foundation Fellow for Teaching Excellence in 1999 and 2006.

In addition to his teaching and medical career, Jim spent 25 years in the Air Force Reserves where he reached the rank of colonel. He had two active deployments in Iraq as an A-10 flight surgeon and retired as the Vice



Commander of the 442nd Medical Squadron at Whiteman Air Force Base. Even after retiring from the Air Force, he went on to become a Medical Intelligence Analyst to help defend our country against biological threats.

Jim continued to serve Southwestern College as a trustee,

Natural Science Hall of Fame member inducted in 2006, and major donor. Michael Lennen, who served on the trustees with Jim for many years, described him as "a dedicated and thoughtful Board member who brought wonderful insight and inquisitiveness to his service for SC."

"We will miss his presence and his commitment to finding ways to strengthen the college," Lennen added.

Fishback is survived by his wife, Meg.



for 68 years. Survivors include daughters **Rebecca Bruton '75**, and **Roxanne Gayle Bush '95**.

Lionel “Kent” Giger '68 died Nov. 29, 2018. Kent worked as an alkaline operator at Valero (APCO/Total) for many years until his retirement. Kent was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Crescent Lodge 133 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. He enjoyed reading, ceramics, and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; sons, **L.K. Giger '97**, Scott Giger, and Jake Giger.

Margaret Anderson '72 died Dec. 8, 2018. Margaret and her husband, Donald, moved to Winfield in 1966 when Donald joined the Southwestern College faculty. Margaret earned her elementary education degree in 1972 and a master of education degree from Wichita State in 1979. She began her teaching career at Country View Elementary School, where she taught second grade. At Lowell Elementary she was a reading specialist. She had the privilege of teaching many students for whom English was their second language. Margaret established lifelong friendships in Delta Kappa Gamma, Southwestern College Faculty Dames, Grace United Methodist Church, and P.E.O. Chapter FD. Margaret was proud of Winfield and worked with the Main Street program to beautify downtown and to encourage local shopping. Margaret is survived by her husband of 63 years, Don; her children **Robert Anderson '81**, **David Anderson '85**, and **Karen Anderson '89**. A daughter, **Elizabeth '80**, preceded her in death.

Brenda (Fowler) Cooper '79 died Nov. 16, 2018. She enjoyed her friends and activities at Medicalodge in recent years. Brenda's delight in life was her son, Willy D. Cooper.

Martin “Marty” Mutti '89 died Aug. 25, 2018. Known as one of the “Good Guys” at KSOK Radio, his passion for people shown through on air. His father is a minister and served in numerous capacities with the United Methodist Church; therefore, the family lived in many places. Marty graduated from Blue Springs High School (Mo.) in 1983. He attended the University of Missouri before he found a great college family at Southwestern. Marty began his

broadcasting career at the college radio station KSWC. He was also an instructor at Southwestern, where he taught communications. The last 30-plus years, Marty has lived in the area and has been a constant community promoter through his efforts at KSOK Radio. He will be remembered for his smile, his laugh, and his outgoing personality. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Winfield and an ambassador for a plethora

of local organizations. Survivors include his parents, Fritz and Etta Mae Mutti.

Robert Hatton Gene Rhodd '95 died unexpectedly Oct. 21, 2018. He attended Wichita Area Practical Nursing School and graduated in 1980 with his mother, Vivian. Robert pursued his bachelor's degree while working for William Newton Hospital. He graduated from Southwestern College alongside his brother, Lance Rhodd, in

Gilger: Altruistic alumna and trustee

Margaret (Dungan) Gilger '49 died Jan. 21, 2019, at age 91. Margaret was a staunch supporter of Southwestern College who took on roles of leadership and guidance that demonstrated the passion and dedication she also showed for her



family, her church, and social justice.

The daughter of a Methodist minister, Margaret grew up in various Kansas parsonages that were filled with music. Her mother, a pianist, made sure all of her children played the piano, and Margaret majored in music education at Southwestern with an emphasis in organ and piano. She was student conductor of the A Cappella Choir for four years, and especially loved conducting the *Beautiful Savior* conclusion to the group's concerts.

After teaching for a year, she married Robert Gilger. As a stay-at-home mother to daughters

Roberta “Robbie” (Banks) '72 and **Nancy '75**, she was always heavily involved in church music director of chancel choirs in various Kansas cities, and she continued to have an extensive piano studio. She also was instrumental in formation of The Migrant Corporation, a grant-supported Methodist organization in Garden City that supported education and health. She was in charge of coordinating the hiring of teachers, cooks and bus drivers, getting coordinators for volunteer aides, clothing drives, food drives, and funding.

In retirement the Gilgers moved to Winfield, and Margaret served Southwestern College as a trustee. She was never a passive board member, and her family recalled her leadership style during Margaret's memorial service.

“Her love and commitment to Southwestern were very much in evidence during her time as a trustee,” Robbie said. “She was never content to just accept reports at face value and asked probing questions. She was a visionary.”

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1995. He and his wife, Karen, moved to Colorado Springs in 2016. Robert was also a proud tribal member of both Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Shawnee, Okla., and the Cherokee Nation of Tahlequah, Okla.

Stacia Peach '08/'10 died Jan. 17, 2019, at her home in Waynesville, N.C., after a lengthy illness. She graduated from Southwestern College, and later attained two master's degrees from Southwestern College. Stacia spent many years as a teacher. She was a gifted artist and enjoyed photography, music and watching movies with her husband, but most of all she cherished her children. She married William Peach in 1995. They lived in Arkansas City, later moving to Virginia, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

Tanya Lynne (McQuilliam) Penner '08, Newton, died Oct. 7, 2018, after surgical complications. She was 54. Tanya was involved in education, first as a paraprofessional, then as a teacher and administrator. Through her hard work and talent, she rose through the Emirate system and became head of faculty for their newest elementary school. Tanya loved to travel and learn about other cultures, their beliefs, their faith, and their education. She took the opportunity of living overseas to visit over 30 countries, and enjoyed the sites, took thousands of pictures, and most importantly to her, learned about their lives and always asked about their education systems. Survivors include her husband, Jeffrey, and their two children, Jonathon and Anyssa.

IN MEMORIAM OF FRIENDS

Stephen L. Nettrouer died Dec. 11, 2018. Steve worked various jobs throughout his life, including at the Winfield sale barn as a yard man. He most recently was a custodian at Winfield Middle School. Survivors include his wife **Susan (Wheeler) '90**, Winfield; and sons, **Roger, Raymond '06**, Adam, and Alex.

Special Builder friend **Claire Elise Hartley**, died Dec. 17, 2018, at the age of 17. She is survived by her parents, **Scott '97** and Gwen Hartley; brother, Cal; sister, Lola and many other loving family members. Claire's disabilities never limited her life. She was pure joy, 100% love and straight-up magic.

Gray: Delighting in teaching and learning

Dr. Wallace Gray, a legendary Southwestern College professor who was delighted by both learning and teaching, died Feb. 3, 2019, after a lengthy illness. He was 91. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Ina Turner Gray, and by daughters Toni Gray and Tara Gray.

Dr. Gray had earned his doctorate from Vanderbilt University before beginning his teaching career in 1954 in the undergraduate religion department of Southern Methodist University. Two years later, the family arrived in Winfield. An ordained Methodist minister, Wallace became the Kirk Professor of Philosophy and Religion. One tribute described how his courses "opened the minds of Kansas farm boys and girls to modern historical and literary interpretations of the Bible."

By the time he retired from Southwestern 40 years later, he had taught more than 5,000 students, but not all were Builders. He had taught English at the YMCA in Hiroshima, Japan, and during summers instructed supply pastors in schools of theology in Kansas City and Dallas, as well as other opportunities.

Equal to his joy in teaching, though, was his joy in learning. Wallace and Ina traveled to Japan many times, and he studied (and taught in) Japanese, as well as translating books from Japanese. One family member called him "a poster child of lifelong learning," much of this learning done on extensive travel with Ina.

In the later part of his SC career, he demonstrated his adaptability when he studied and taught the emerging field of personal computing.

Wallace was a familiar sight around Winfield as he rode his bicycle from the campus to the library or the downtown coffee shop where he met with friends. He was never a slave to fashion: His legendary biking togs included black dress socks and Bermuda shorts in the summer.

In retirement he volunteered as reader with second-graders, mentored several struggling college students, was a prayer partner with various individuals, taught Sunday school, offered lectures or seminars, offered public prayers in many settings, and continued to travel with his wife and family. He flew kites for his own pleasure and the enjoyment of others. He often acknowledged how perfectly his wife Ina complemented his interests and skills.

Wallace and Ina also were major financial supporters of Southwestern College, and one of their most noteworthy contributions supported the day-to-day expenses of keeping the college running. Those who wish to honor the Grays with a contribution may do so to the Turner-Gray Maintenance Fund at the college.





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Hall of Fame ceremonies will be held throughout the weekend:

- **Leaders in Service for the Social Sciences:** Friday, 5:30 p.m. dinner followed by induction (Deets Library). C. Michael Lennen '67, Stephanie Sharp Bruyn '98 and J. Michael Medina '72 will be inducted.
- **Business:** Saturday, 8 a.m. breakfast (Deets), 9 a.m. induction (Richardson Performing Arts Center). Larry Ewart '73, and Cory Helmer '99 will be inducted; Graves Drug will receive the Business Builder Award.
- **Fine Arts:** Saturday, 10 a.m. brunch (Deets), 11 a.m. induction (Richardson). Dr. James Leland, George Jason Johnston '69 and Virginia (Stubbs) Spray '33 (deceased) will be inducted.
- **Educators:** 12:45 p.m. luncheon,

1:30 p.m. induction (Deets). Dr. Gary King '63, Judy (Martin) Haynes '67 and Dr. Janet Doud '16 will be inducted.

For each of the halls of fame, reservations are necessary for meals (alumni@sckans.edu) but not for attendance at the induction ceremonies.

Other weekend events include a Friday presentation on "The Shaping of Leaders: Women's Voices" by Cheryl Rude, a Friday organ recital by SC graduate Luke Nicolay, and a Saturday concert by the A Cappella Choir.

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